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In re Patent Application of

DE LAAT et al.

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For: INDUSTRIAL PROCESS FOR  $\beta$ -LACTAM ANTIBIOTICS USING  
CHEMICALLY DEFINED MEDIA

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PETITION TO EXTEND

December 14, 2006

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Petition is hereby made to extend the life of the subject application for three months from the initial due date of September 14, 2006.

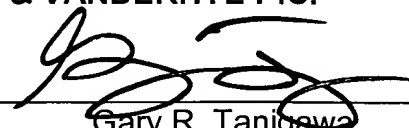
A fee of \$1020.00 for the three-month extension is attached so this application is pending when a divisional application is filed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed to our Account No. 14-1140 under Matter No. 4662-229/GRT. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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